

*stable aqueous foaming*

26. A method as claimed in claim 24 in which the surfactant dispersion additionally comprises at least one emollient.

27. A method as claimed in claim 26 in which the emollient is mixed with the pre-formed solid surfactant composition, water is added at a temperature of from 60 to 90°C, and the mixture is homogenized to disperse the solid surfactant composition and emulsify the emollient.

28. A method as claimed in claim 26 which comprises dispersing the pre-formed solid surfactant composition in water at a temperature of from 60 to 90°C, homogenizing the mixture to disperse the surfactant composition and subsequently adding the emollient to the dispersion.

29. A method as claimed in claim 24 in which the surfactant is one or more of alkyl sulphates, alkyl sulphonates, alkyl ether sulphates, alkyl glycerol ether sulphonates, alkyl phosphate esters, ethoxylated alkyl phosphate esters, sarcosinates, taurate derivatives, alkyl sulphoacetates, hydroxyalkyl sulphonate esters, alkyl sulphosuccinates, alkyl sulphosuccinamates, and acyl glutamates.

30. A method as claimed in claim 24 in which the fatty amphiphile is one or more of fatty alcohols, fatty acids, glyceride fatty esters, and esters of fatty acids with polyhydric alcohols.

31. A method as claimed in claim 25 in which the hydrocolloid is one or more of starch, modified starches or dextrans, guar, modified guar, modified celluloses, xanthan gums, hydrophilic carbomer polymers polyacrylamides, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyacrylates, ~~very high molecular weight~~ polyethylene glycol, water dispersible bentonite clays and aluminium silicates.

32. A method as claimed in claim 26 in which the emollient is at least one or more normally liquid emollient oils selected from mineral or paraffin oils vegetable glyceride oils, animal glyceride oils, synthetic ester oils, silicone oils and/or emollients which are solid at ambient temperature selected from jojoba wax, tallow and coconut wax and/or oil.

33. A method as claimed in claim 24 in which the surfactant comprises at least 50% by weight of at least one mild surfactant.

34. A method as claimed in claim 33 in which the mild surfactant is an alkyl sulphonate and/or a fatty isethionate.

35. A method of making a stable aqueous foaming surfactant dispersion which comprises forming an aqueous dispersion of a surfactant composition comprising at least one foaming surfactant, at least one fatty amphiphile; and subsequently dispersing therein at least one emollient.

36. A method as claimed in claim 35 in which the surfactant composition additionally comprises at least one hydrocolloid.

37. A stable aqueous foaming surfactant dispersion which comprises from 5 to 50 weight % of the surfactant composition of at least one isethionate foaming surfactant, at least one sulphosuccinate salt, and at least one fatty alcohol; and from 50 to 95 weight % of water.

38. A dispersion as claimed in claim 37 wherein the dispersion additionally comprises at least one hydrocolloid.

39. A dispersion as claimed in claim 37 wherein the dispersion additionally comprises at least one emollient.